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Housing near P'anmunjŏm

1. In mid-September 1952 the North Korean delegates to the truce talks at P'anmunjŏm were quartered in a foreign style, single-story building surrounded by 20 Korean houses at BT-846055. Guards were posted every 50 meters around the area. NAM IL and a British correspondent for the London Daily Worker were quartered in the building, which was taken care of by five or six maids. There was a large air-raid shelter north of the building.

Activities in Kaesong

2. The population of the city of Kaesong grew from 40,000 in December 1951 to more than 100,000 in September 1952. Most of the new inhabitants came from northern parts of Korea to take advantage of the neutral area.
3. In mid-September 1952 the North Korean army and the Chinese Communist army, in order to protect the artillery installed on the coast opposite Kanghwa (126-30, 37-45) (BS-8081) and Kyodong (126-18, 37-46) (BS-6283) from United Nations bombing, were moving many of the guns to the Kaesong neutral zone for storage during the day and returning them by truck at night. Food and ammunition were also stored at Kaesong in the daytime and moved to the front at night.
4. In mid-September Communist officials, other than delegates to the truce talks, rode between P'yongyang and Kaesong in truce-talk courier vehicles flying red signal flags. Sometimes military supplies were transported in these vehicles.

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